

The bill would increase the incentives for restaurants, farms and other businesses in the food industry to donate food to food banks, homeless shelters and other charitable organizations. The Internal Revenue Code actually discourages contributions because of the uncertainty regarding the tax treatment of donations of food as compared to donations of other inventory. The bill has been designed to correct that deficiency.

We believe this bill would remove the uncertainty and provide the necessary incentive for businesses to increase their food donations. This would be accomplished by adding a provision to Section 170(e) of the Code that would indicate that the fair market value of donated food is determined, (1) without regard to internal policies, lack of market, or similar circumstances, whether the food cannot or will not be sold, and, (2) if applicable, by taking into account the price at which similar products are sold by the taxpayer at the time of contribution. These have been points of controversy with the Internal Revenue Service, causing uncertainty as well as disincentives to incur the administrative and other costs necessary for the proper handling and preservation of food being donated. In addition, Section 170(e) would be amended to include businesses in addition to C corporations, as the current law provides.

We hope our colleagues will join us in co-sponsoring this legislation.

FBI DIRECTOR FREEH RETIRES AFTER A PROUD RECORD OF SERVICE TO HIS NATION

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that today we learned of the planned retirement of FBI Director Louis Freeh, who has served his nation so well. For 27 years he has served his country as an FBI agent, federal prosecutor, and a sitting federal judge, and having worked tirelessly here and around the globe to enhance the rule of law.

Our country will surely miss his dedication, his professionalism and integrity, which he displayed each and every day he served as the Director of our nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the FBI, as he led the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

Director Freeh brought vision, foresight, and innovation to the battle against crime and terrorism, both at home and abroad. In the area of foreign crime fighting and the battle against international terrorism, which I am most familiar with, he wisely expanded the FBI's presence abroad to fight transnational crime and international terrorism long before it reached our nation.

I was particularly proud to work hand and hand with Director Freeh in establishing and maintaining the first ever International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary. It is today the model for international training and development of regional cooperative police relationships around the globe. There is now an ILEA operating in Asia, and others planned for Africa, and our own Western Hemisphere. We will miss Director Freeh's vision and leadership.

As he himself said today of those overseas efforts, among others: "These measures already have proven invaluable in the international fight against terrorism, organized crime, cyber-crime, and transnational crimes in the Information Age." We fully agree with his assessment.

Finally, I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing our good friend and fellow New Yorker, Director Louis Freeh, and his family, much success and joy in his future endeavors, whatever, or wherever they may be in the private sector. He has served our nation and our people well. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD, the following testimony pursuant to the vote on H.R. 503, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

[From the National Right to Life Committee, Inc., Washington, DC]

My name is Shiwona Pace.

On August 26, 1999, I was a 23-year-old college student in Little Rock. I was the mother of two—my five-year-old son, and an unborn baby girl named Heaven Lashay. I had named my baby "Heaven" two months earlier, after an ultrasound test revealed that she was a girl. August 26 was one day before my predicted full-term delivery date.

But that night, three men brutally murdered my unborn baby daughter.

I curled up face down on the floor, crying begging for them to stop beating me. But they did not stop. One shouted, "F*** you! Your baby is dying tonight."

They choked me, punched me, hit me in the face with a gun. They kicked me again and again in the abdomen. After about thirty minutes, they left me sobbing there on the floor.

At the hospital, they found Heaven had died in my womb. She was a perfect baby, almost seven pounds. She almost looked as if she were sleeping.

The assailants were arrested. They had been hired by Erik Bullock, my former boyfriend. He paid them \$400 to kill little Heaven Lashay.

Only a month before, a new state law took effect that recognized unborn children as crime victims. If that law had not been enacted, Erik Bullock would have been prosecuted only for the assault on me, but not for the death of my baby.

But thanks to the state law, Bullock was also convicted for his role in killing my baby. The men who attacked me are also being prosecuted for what they did to Heaven.

I tell my story now for one reason: If this same attack occurred today within a federal jurisdiction, the men who killed my baby could be prosecuted only for assault.

That is why I urge members of Congress to support the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (H.R. 503, S. 480), which would recognize unborn children as victims under 68 federal laws dealing with crimes of violence.

I was dismayed to learn that some members of Congress oppose this bill, and insist on adoption of a radically different bill (the Lofgren Amendment) that says that such

crimes only have one victim—the pregnant woman.

They are wrong. On the night of August 26, 1999, there were two victims. I lived—but my daughter died. I lost a child and my son lost the baby sister he had always wanted—but little Heaven lost her life.

It seems to me that any congressman who votes for the "one-victim" amendment is really saying that nobody died that night.

And that is a lie.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MONSIGNOR GENE W. MULLETT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the Twenty-Fifth year of Monsignor Mullett's service in the Catholic Church.

Whereas, Monsignor's journey began on May 1, 1976 when he was ordained at St. John's Arena by Bishop John Mussi; and,

Whereas, Monsignor has tirelessly dedicated himself since that date in service to God and to his fellow man; and,

Whereas, such institutions of God's will as Saint John's Vianney Parish of Powhatan Point, Saint Anthony's Church of Steubenville, and Saint Michael's Parish of Bellaire, have all benefitted and prospered under his guidance;

Therefore, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the Citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of Monsignor Gene W. Mullett's twenty five years of service to our community.

CLARIFICATION RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1457

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, the bill H.R. 1457 was reintroduced in error on April 4, 2001. The correct bill, H.R. 917 (the Federal Living Wage Responsibility Act), was already introduced on March 7, 2001.

IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN LYME DISEASE FOUNDATION, INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THE ALDF ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically rise today to honor the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. (ALDF). Established in 1990, ALDF is the nation's most vital public voice in the battle against Lyme disease. From its comprehensive educational campaign to generous support for cutting-edge research, ALDF champions the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease, saving thousands of people each year from the often